



**Student Visa and U.S. Higher Education**  
A U.S. Consulate General, Hyderabad Face book Chat, held on  
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Facebook Chat Transcript

**Student:** Dear Respected member of the Consulate,

I am a recent dental graduate and I have applied for a Masters in Public Health program, for Spring intake. I have received 120's from 2 universities and choose the better one and attended for my Visa interview .Unfortunately, I was not issued a visa and the reasons mentioned were that I have a low academic percentage and low GRE.I could not understand this because, I have an official GPA of 3.8 out of 4.0 and my GRE score is 280,which I too agree is quite low.I have an IELTS score of 8.0 out of 9.0.I was even appreciated by the honorable member of the consulate regarding my vocabulary and accomplishments, but finally rejected of a visa. can you please shed some light on this aspect and give me some advise.

**U.S. Vice Consul :** I can't know precisely why the interviewing officer made that decision on your visa application. Consular officers look at the totality of a student's situation during their interview to assess whether they meet the qualifications for a visa class. GPAs, GRE and IELTS scores are only a part of the total picture. You might be asked about your academic past in India and future plans to prove you are a credible, qualified student.

An applicant for a student visa (F-1 or M-1) must demonstrate the following:

- Acceptance at a school.
- Possession of sufficient funds.
- Minimum preparation for course of study.
- Present intent to leave the United States at conclusion of studies.

Applicants who were refused a visa are eligible to reapply; all visa applications are given every consideration consistent with U.S. immigration law. The decision for each application is made based on the circumstances presented at the time of the interview. If you were recently denied a visa, you should be prepared to talk about what has changed in your personal situation that addresses the reason for your visa denial.

**Student:** Does attending the interview late (say july end or august beginning) reduce the chances of that particular candidate's visa acceptance?

**U.S. Vice Consul :** You can apply anytime after receiving your I-20, but the visa cannot be issued more the 120 days prior to the university start date as listed on the I-20. Note: Even if it is issued that early, you cannot use the visa to enter the U.S. more than 30 days prior to the start date. Applying in any particular month does not affect the chance of a visa being issued -- unless it is too late for you to meet the program start date that is listed on the I-20 from the school.

**Student:** Can I show my parents Fixed Deposits as a source to sponsor my education? Or should I break the FDs and transfer them in to their current account??

**U.S. Vice Consul :** You need to show in-hand financial support for the total cost of the first year of study and a credible plan for how the remaining years of study will be funded. If it is clear that the FDs can be broken at any time, you can wait to transfer them until just before you are ready to use the monies. But, it needs to be clear that they are liquid funds (i.e., there is nothing blocking their immediate use). You need to show in-hand financial support for the total cost of the first year of study and a credible plan for how the remaining years of study will be funded. If it is clear that the FDs can be broken at any time, you can wait to transfer them until just before you are ready to use the monies. But, it needs to be clear that they are liquid funds (i.e., there is nothing blocking their immediate use).

**Student:** hello sir , i'm planning to do MS in one of the reputed university , i had asthma , it get drastically increases in cold weather conditions , so what should i do if i'm sure to go there?

**U.S. Vice Consul :** Not sure exactly what the question is, but your health is obviously important to your success in school! You will need to take into account the location and weather conditions in the area when you are selecting a school, if that affects your asthma. There are great schools throughout the U.S., so you should be able to find one that meets your academic needs and still keeps you healthy. The United States-India Educational Foundation (<http://www.usief.org.in/> ) is a great source of information on schools and studying in the U.S. You can also visit our website at: <http://www.educationusa.state.gov/> to do research about which universities are right for you. Choosing a university is a big decision, so take your time and contact Education USA for more information about specific universities and programs.

**Student :** which is the best university in united states for MBA?

**U.S. Vice Consul :** The choice of school is a very personal one. Every individual has personal issues and preferences that affect the choice of school. Do you do better in a large university with large classes or would you do better at a smaller school with smaller class size? Is there family in the U.S. in a specific town/state who could provide an emotional support system for you? Are you interested in a very specific program of study for the MBA? These and many other factors might affect the choice of schools. The United States-India Educational Foundation (<http://www.usief.org.in/> ) is a great source of information on schools and studying in the U.S. You can also visit our website at: <http://www.educationusa.state.gov/> to do research about which universities are right for you. Choosing a university is a big decision, so take your time and contact Education USA for more information about specific universities and programs.

**Student :** Hello sir/madam

I did not get a visa for studies without any valid reason, the lady officer simply issued a rejection paper. my interview was at counter no.15 on 28th june 2012.

questions asked by visa officer :

1. which School ?

2. why Usa ?
3. why this university ?
4. how many universities did you apply ?
5. what is the main purpose to travel united states ?
6. graduation percentage ?
7. backlogs?
8. how long you are willing to stay in united states of america ?
9. how can you prove me that you will come back to your home country?
10. what if i grant you a visa ? if not ?

my answers :

1. university of findlay which is located at 1000 north main street findlay ohio.
  2. Usa offer World Class Education. its six years advanced than any other country in the world.
- REFERENCE : UNITED INDIAN EDUCATION FOUNDATION.
3. finday university is specialize in MBA Courses.
  4. 2 universities Dallas baptist university (texas), University of Findaly.
  5. for higher education
  6. 53.5 %
  7. 3
  8. 30 months because my course duration is 24 months, rest of the six months will take a tour of united states.
  9. i was quite for a moment and i said why not, i want to take care of my family business.
  10. i said : miss, if u think im a geniune student then grant me a visa. if not, then dont grant me a visa. after a few seconds she issued a refusal letter and said unfortunately we cant grant you a visa. :(

**U.S. Vice Consul:** Under U.S., visa application information is confidential and I cannot comment on the specifics of any individual case in a public forum such as this. I can say that consular officers look at the totality of a student's profile during their interview to assess whether they meet the qualifications for a visa class. This might include your academic past in India and future plans to prove you are a credible, qualified student. Applicants who were refused a visa are eligible to reapply; all visa applications are given every consideration consistent with U.S. immigration law. The decision for each application is made based on the circumstances presented at the time of the interview. If you were recently denied a visa, you should be prepared to talk about what has changed in your personal situation that addresses the reason for your visa denial

Remember, consular officers look at the totality of a student's situation during their interview to assess whether they meet the qualifications for a visa class. The choice of schools is just one part of the information the officer will ask about. You should be prepared to talk about your academic past in India and future plans to prove you are a credible, qualified student. It is unlikely that there was "considerable" change in any of these areas in the two weeks between your previous applications. An applicant for a student visa (F-1 or M-1) must demonstrate the following:

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